

Column One  
BY  
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It was at the State dinner given in his honor in Cairo that Mr. Dulles made his famous statement about an agreement for the "phased withdrawal" of the British and the keeping of the Canal Zone in good working order "for immediate use on behalf of the free world in the event of future hostilities." It is told that when Mr. Dulles sat down, General Nagib stood up. He was trembling with anger as he said: "We stand by our condition that every foreigner shall be withdrawn from the Zone." Then he sat down. He had given Mr. Dulles his answer and the Egyptian Press in Cairo was quick to respond: "Al Mursi" was quick to respond: "It appears that Mr. Dulles did not come here to listen to our ideas and form an opinion, but to let us know that there was already an approved solution of the Canal question. Perhaps it is approved by England and America — possibly by Israel also — but certainly not by Egypt."

SOMETHING had gone wrong. The Egyptians were feeling the sting of Sir Winston Churchill's criticism last night, and Mr. Dulles might therefore have phrased his statement more tactfully. Or Mr. Caffery, the U.S. Ambassador in Cairo, might have briefed him more frankly about what Nagib had been led to expect. For it is fairly evident that the Ambassador is not particularly sympathetic to the Egyptian position. He is a representative of the Secretary of State who would urge a solution only very slightly at variance with what Sir Winston Churchill had disclosed in the Commons as that favored by Britain. Oddly enough, the London Press seemed not much happier about Mr. Dulles's intervention than the Cairo Press: but less for anything Mr. Dulles might have said than for the apparent fact that General Nagib had been taught to expect something else. The parallel between Cairo and Teheran was becoming plainer; and stretching out from the intrusiveness of Nationalist negotiators to evidence that such intrusiveness was being encouraged by misunderstanding between the diplomatic spokesmen of the West.

THE agreement of which Mr. Dulles spoke had been reached during Mr. Eden's visit to Washington last winter. It is clear enough that Nagib had been allowed to believe that it meant nothing. Mr. Dulles's statement corrected this wrong impression, and left the Egyptians in some confusion. But if the Egyptians were surprised by the statement the Americans were equally surprised by the response to it, and we may be sure that the matter will not be left there at that. It has been realized that the United States is making a serious bid for the friendship of the Moslem countries and will not be induced to talk as sharply to Egypt as Sir Winston Churchill did last Monday. What is more, the man who forced the Egyptian treaty down the throats of reluctant allies is a man of determination, who may yet, in spite of the Prime Minister, win for America that Egyptian friendship which he prizes. He has the means.

EGYPT, who failed to secure her Nile water rights in the Sudan agreement concluded earlier this year, badly wants 250 million dollars with which to build vast storage dams and irrigation works. This large sum, together with one or two face-saving concessions from Britain, would probably be enough to convince General Nagib of the desirability of giving certain assurances about the technical staff for the dams, and about regional defence. The man trouble is, of course, that although General Nagib may be a Moslem, he seems to have a Moslem's sense of the value of a Moslem's word. He has the means.

WHEN all is said and done, Egypt has a strong case. She has Britain; but even in this enlightened day we live in a world of sovereignty, and under the pressure of jealous nationalism, which cannot be expected to subordinate its rights either to external interests or to the calculations of a few determined to protect them against enemies they refuse to believe in. The Egyptians may be very foolish and obstinately short-sighted; but we have taught them that it is their right, within their own frontiers, to be as foolish and short-sighted as they please.

**Dulles Showed 'Good Will' Towards Israel**

Jerusalem POST Reporter  
The U.S. Secretary of State showed both understanding and good will towards Israel's problems as outlined to him during his visit, the Ministers who met the official visitors told the Cabinet in Jerusalem yesterday.

**Lebanese Throw 'New Light' on M.E. Issues**

BAGHDAD, Sunday (U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Mutual Security Administrator Harold Stassen and his advisers arrived here this afternoon from the Lebanon on their tour of 15 Middle East countries.

On leaving Beirut at noon today Mr. Dulles declared, according to ANA and NEAHS, that his talks with Lebanese leaders had thrown new light on Middle East problems. He had learned new aspects of the problem, his statement said, and he was now able to view the area in a different light.

The Secretary of State spent half-an-hour with American "old hands" in the Middle East. The group included Colonel William A. Eddy, former American Minister to Saudi Arabia and now on the staff of the Arabian-American Oil Company; Dr. William Stolte, President of the Beirut College for Women; Dr. Alioune Diop, President of the Syrian Arab Republic; and Dr. Johnson Field, representative of the Presbyterian Church in the Middle East.

The Lebanese Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee had told Mr. Dulles that America must "remove from its mind any possibility of an Arab-Israeli peace." (AP, Reuters)

**Postal Rates Will Be Raised 50%**

Postage on inland letters is to be raised from 30 to 45 pruta, according to a proposal approved by the Minister's Committee yesterday.

No date for putting into effect this 50% increase has been announced by the Post Office. It is understood that telegraph rates will be similarly increased.

**Unemployment Tax Scale Approved**

The draft of the Unemployment Relief Loan Bill (the "tax advance law") was approved by the committee of Economic Ministers in Jerusalem yesterday. The Bill, which is to be tabled in the Knesset next week, will authorize the Finance Minister to collect up to IL15m. as a compulsory advance payment on account of future taxes.

The compulsory advance payment is to be graduated according to the size of income, but on a scale independent of the income tax scale. The exact scale is now being drafted. The advance payment, as reported, will be collected by the end of the current fiscal year and is to be repaid in three years by working with the 1954/55 fiscal year.

The Economic Ministers completed drafting the plan to provide 500,000 to 600,000 work-days in various agricultural projects within the next three to four months. The cost about IL15m., is to come from the Development Budget.

The Committee authorized the Finance Minister to increase the travel tax imposed on Israeli purchasing and on air tickets for travel abroad.

Dr. Karl Mandelstam, head of the State Revenue Department, was appointed head of the Inter-Ministerial Committee planning investments made by the Custodian of Absentee Property.

**Premium Regulations To Be Issued This Week**

Regulations implementing the Government's decision to pay exporters a premium of 800 pruta for each dollar of foreign currency earned by their exports, will be issued to banks this week, a Ministry of Finance spokesman stated in Jerusalem yesterday.

The regulations were to have gone into force on May 15, but there has been a delay "for technical reasons," the spokesman said. This is understood to be due to the fact that agreement has not been reached on the final list of industries to benefit.

Originally it was announced that the premium would be given to local industries with the exception of those where the added value in foreign currency is exceedingly high (food, mining and industries based primarily on local raw materials). Also to be excluded were assembly plants, the cement industry and industries based on citrus.

However, many border-line cases have appeared, where it is not clear whether the particular industry is "based mainly on local raw materials" or not, and hence, whether or not it should be included.

**Djilas Spurns 'Bog' Of Soviet Threat**

BELGRADE, Sunday (Reuters). — In an article in "Borba," quoted by Tass news agency, Yugoslav Vice-Premier Djilas said today that Communist and Soviet ideas coming from the Soviet Union "are neither better nor worse than ideas coming from any other source."

"For this reason, talk about the need for struggle against the world 'bog' of Communism is the essence of invention of bogies, for none of which there is the slightest danger," he added.

**Tito Calls Churchill's Speech 'Colossal'**

BELGRADE, Sunday. — Marshal Tito today described the recent foreign policy speech of the British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, as "colossal," but said that any Big Power meeting should not make "any decision which would affect other nations."

The Marshal, in one of the bitterest attacks against Italy that he has ever made, also told a war memorial meeting at Slavenski Brod, 150 miles west of here, that Yugoslavia would never give up one centimeter of Trieste, that Italian land-grabbing policies toward the port were nearly as bad as those of Mussolini. He suggested that the best solution of the question would be joint administration by Italy and Yugoslavia.

**Informative Meeting**

"I believe that Sir Winston would have a meeting which would be simply informative, to find out who wants what, and if he found out that there was something real there, he would go further," he said.

The major part of Marshal Tito's address was devoted to domestic problems, chiefly to the Government's decision last week to permit individual peasants to hold from 15 to 30 hectares of land. "This is the greatest step," he said, "toward the end of the road."

**Man Murdered In T.A. Street**

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A man with a criminal record, who was released from prison a few months ago after having served a year's sentence for theft, was mortally wounded while lying in his bed on the pavement outside his house in Rehov Rishon LeZion here at 5 o'clock this morning.

He was Yitzhak Cohen, 24. Four bullets were pumped into his stomach and chest, and he was found lying on the pavement after being admitted to the Municipal Hospital.

His murderer, who is still being sought throughout the country tonight, is thought by police to be 21-year-old Cohen who used to sell through Cohen the goods he stole. The murder is believed to have followed a "business quarrel."

Shortly after the murder, a taxi driver, Arie Glatzer, was held up at gunpoint in the Yad Elihu Quarter by a man who told him: "I've just killed a man and I'll kill you, too, if you don't give me your car." He threw a scribbled "receipt" signed "Yisrael Herman."

Herman is known to the police as a man with a long criminal record. The number of the stolen green six-cylinder Buick is DA 180. Cohen was described by police tonight as "armed and dangerous."

Cohen was found lying on the pavement outside the hut in which he lived with his parents, veteran residents, living to last night's hour.

Mr. Zeev Zeev was appointed Acting Director of the Investment Centre, and Mr. A.S. Morav was named a member of the Government Efficiency Committee, vice Dr. S. Lipschitz.

**MAPAI DEBATES STATE EDUCATION**

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Mapai Central Committee met here tonight to discuss unified State education. It is understood that display of the red flag and singing the Internationale in Labour schools were among the subjects discussed.

**SHARRET PARTICIPATES**

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharret is to participate in the meeting of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee on Tuesday at Hakiryia, it was announced yesterday.

**Marauders Kill 2 Watchmen In J'lem Corridor**

Two watchmen in a Jerusalem Corridor settlement were shot dead by infiltrators early Sunday morning, a military spokesman announced yesterday.

A guard, who came to relieve his comrades, put the murderers to flight in the direction of the border. A complaint has been lodged with the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

An Hiss report states that the two guards, Abu Elihu 40, and Elihu Ephraim, 45, had been walking back to their homes at 2 a.m., their rifles on their shoulders, after having completed their watch. Suddenly, the infiltrators appeared from behind one of the stone walls which terrace the mountain, and fired several bursts of a sub-machine gun at point-blank range. The murdered men apparently did not even have a chance to use their rifles.

**Bloodhounds Find Tracks**

Another guard, Zakai Rahamin, heard the shots and fired repeatedly at the fleeing men, but without success.

Police bloodhounds picked up the tracks of three men which led beyond the border about four kilometres from the village. Elihu, father of five, was struck by seven bullets and he died immediately. He had immigrated a year ago. Ephraim, who had three children, was hit by three bullets in the stomach and died in hospital a few hours later. He too, was an immigrant and had been in the country for two years.

**CLASHES WITH INFILTRATORS**

One man was killed, seven were wounded, and eight captured by Defence Forces in seven clashes with armed infiltrators in the week ending May 14, an Army spokesman announced yesterday.

**Riley Asked to Stay Till Successor Named**

The Chief-of-Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, General William Riley, who has resigned his post, has been asked to continue in office for a short period, until his successor is appointed.

It was originally announced by the U.N. that General Riley's resignation would take effect on May 15, but the U.N. Secretariat has now requested him to remain at his post pending the appointment of a new Chief-of-Staff, which they expect to announce in a week or so. The T.S.O. Chief has heretofore postponed his departure for a short time.

General Riley has no official reply from the Jordan Government to his proposal for "high-level talks" with Israel on the border situation. The report which he submitted to the U.N. on this plan, which mentioned that Israel had accepted the suggestion, is now before the Security Council. If any action is to be taken along these lines, therefore, the initiative may be expected to come from U.N. Headquarters in New York.

At his "Government House" Headquarters in Jerusalem last night, the General said good-bye to a small group of friends and colleagues.

There was something in her letters that they did not want me to see, they probably just did not deliver them," he conjectured.

"Before my trial, and for a while after, I received no letters from my wife, and my letters to her apparently were not delivered. Then her letters began arriving, indicating that she also was receiving mine. Some packages of books she sent me came through, too," he added.

Mr. Otis related how he had been surprised shortly before midnight on Friday when his Czech prison guards roused him from sleep and told him to go to the main office. There he was informed that he was to be released.

"They returned a couple of old currency declarations and a receipt for a suit of clothes I had left with a tailor just before my arrest. The receipt said that the shop would not be responsible if the suit was left there for more than 30 days."

ISRAEL PORTUGAL STAND 1-1 IN TENNIS  
LISBON, Sunday (AFP). — In the first day of the Portuguese-Israeli friendly tennis competition, yesterday, the following results were announced: Stangos — Gomes beat Dubitzky (Israel) 6-4, 6-3. Doubles — Weiss and Appel (Israel) beat Silva and David Cohen 6-4, 7-6, 6-3.

**Egypt Complains British Seize Canal Zone Station**

**Egyptian Vessel Sinks Off Suez**

CAIRO, Sunday (AP). — The 67-ton Egyptian minesweeper Naar sank off Suez last night after a collision with the Swedish vessel Jaguar, a 577-ton tanker.

A Navy communiqué said all 97 members of the Naar's crew were saved.

The Swedish ship suffered only slight damage.

The captain of the Naar, Lt. Commander Saad Zaghouel el Meligul, was missing for a few hours after his crew had been picked up. Early this morning a despatch from Suez said the Commander had been found and was safe.

Suez Port authorities stated that the Jaguar, which arrived at Suez this morning, had a scratch along her starboard bow. She will remain in port pending an investigation into the cause of the collision. The vessel needs no repair in order to continue her trip to Europe.

**TROOP PLANE CRASHES ON WAY TO CANAL ZONE**

VALETTA, Sunday (Reuters). — A Royal Air Force Valletta aircraft carrying commandos to the Suez Canal zone crashed and caught fire today after taking off from Luga airfield.

There were believed to be 21 passengers and crew aboard. A Royal Marine commando was killed and many others burned and injured.

**French Score Biggest Victory Of Past 6 Months in Indo-China**

HANOI, Sunday. — The French scored their biggest victory in six months today when they beat off savage Vietminh attacks against a key position in the Red River delta which the Communists tried to capture.

Air and tank-supported paratroopers wrestled for 34 hours with strong Vietminh forces to recapture all the concrete bunkers of the Indo-Chinese "Magnet Line," which the Vietminh temporarily cracked at Yen Vi, some 30 miles south of here.

**Communists Fail In Asia—Stevenson**

LAHORE, Sunday (AP). — Mr. Adlai Stevenson, American Democratic leader, told pressmen at the airport here today, that the Communists had not succeeded in Southeast Asia.

He said that since 1946 they had started wars in Malaya, Indo-China, Burma and Indonesia, but without favourable results.

Mr. Stevenson admitted that the Communist gain in China was a great source of inspiration and encouragement to Asian Communists.

**YEMEN P.M. IN AMMAN**

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**Cairo Denies Garrison Boycott**

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuters). — The Ministry of National Guidance announced today that "British troops attacked Abu Hammad railway station near Tel el Kahr and abducted the station master and his assistant. They took control of the station."

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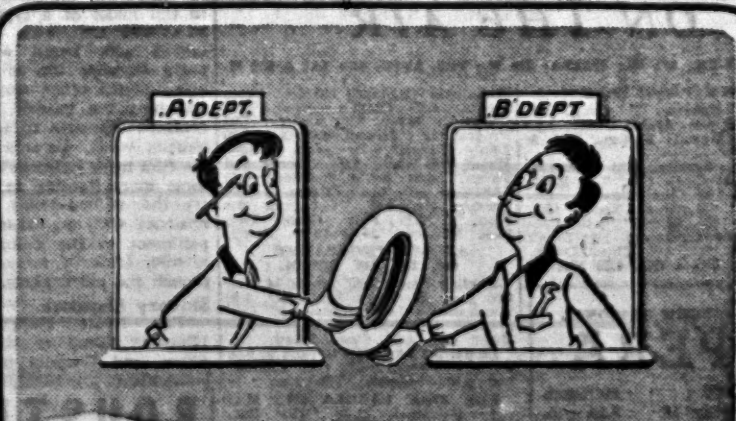
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## Today's Post Bag

## THE WEATHER

	Max	Min	Wind	Clouds
Tel Aviv	74	58	10-15	20
Jerusalem	70	54	10-15	20
Haifa	72	56	10-15	20
Beersheva	76	60	10-15	20
Yotvata	78	62	10-15	20
Dimona	76	60	10-15	20
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Forecast: Fair to partly cloudy.  
\* At Dimona 10 p.m. D. Min.  
D. Maximum temp. expected today

**THE NEW 1,000-seat open-air cinema "Hadar" in Kiryat Saba, had its official opening three last night. The cinema, owned by the Local Council of Kiryat Saba, is situated in a beautiful area, and is one of the best in the country.**

**THE JEWISH community of Safed, on the initiative of Mr. Zvi Tzvi, has sent a gift of 600 oranges to the children of the city of Haifa, as a token of appreciation for the help given to the Jewish community of Safed.**

**DOZENS of unorganized Jewish and Arab laborers were removed from their farm work in the area between Ramat and Rehovot yesterday by representatives of the local Labour Council, who were directed to the employment of unorganized labour.**

**151 RESIDENTS left the country in the s.s. Kadash and Arza for overseas settlement last week, 38 left for Turkey, 34 for Germany, 10 for Germany and the rest for ten other countries.**

**SIX ISRAELI seamen deserted the s.s. Abraham Gratz in New York, but were returned to the ship by the U.S. Coast Guard.**

**AN OPEN window at the diamond exchange factory of Ben-Zion Pincus in Rehovot was broken on Saturday night to steal five diamonds to the value of 11,350 which were encased in a small metal box there.**

**THE "CHOCOLATE LOTTERY" in Jerusalem had its first drawing yesterday when prizes totaling 20,000 were won by 100 winners.**

**CLASS "C" postal agencies will be opened in Tel Aviv and Haifa on Monday, May 11, and in Beersheva, Rehovot, and Dimona on Tuesday, May 12.**

**ADDITIONAL VISITING done in the hospital for the wounded in the Shapira, at Tel Aviv Central Prison, on Tuesday and Wednesday, and at the Rehovot, Dimona, and at the Masada Work Camp, on Tuesday and Wednesday. The hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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**PERSONS INTERESTED in domestic poultry-raising are required to register with the Ministry of Agriculture not later than May 25.**

**FOURTEEN ISRAELI boys taken for the Flower Festival at the Flower Centre, Rehovot, on May 10.**

## Cadets Graduated

Several hundred men and women officers were graduated on Friday from an officers' training school, somewhere in Israel. At the graduation exercises, Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Mordechai Maklef pointed out that the graduates included officers from all branches of the Defence Forces, including the reserves. He emphasized the importance that the new women officers would play in freeing male officers for field and training duties.

## SURRENDER OF JAFFA COMMEMORATED

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITM). — The fifth anniversary of Jaffa's surrender to the Hagana Command was marked by a meeting held in the "Gan Rens" open-air cinema here on Friday night. Former high-ranking Hagana Commanders recalled the 65-days of house-to-house fighting, and Tel Aviv's many tense moments during those days. The meeting was opened by Mr. Zvi Cohen, of the Committee of the Ex-Hagana Members Association, and speeches were made by Aluf Mishne Michael Bengali, former Hagana Commander of the Tel Aviv District; Mr. Israel Galili, former Hagana Chief of Staff, and Mr. Shoshani, a former member of the Hagana Command.

**EX-S.S. OFFICER DIES: HAD LIVED UNDER ALIAS KASSEL.** Sunday (ITM). — When the prosperous and respected manufacturer, Alfred Kopper, died here recently, it became known that the man who had been masquerading under that name was actually former S.S. officer Ernst Alfred Kassel. He had been wanted by the Allies since 1945 because of his wartime activities as Aide to the notorious S.S. Colonel Otto Skorzeny, who lives in Madrid today as a key figure in the international Fascist movement. A Polish Court sentenced Kassel to death in absentia for his war crimes.

## Levanon Warns T.A. Taxpayers

Jerusalem POST Reporter  
TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Municipality will not stand for non-payment of, or delays in, taxes, and will use what legal powers it has to enforce payments, Mayor Haim Levanon told the press today.

The Mayor's statement came in response to the 30,000 appeals against the current year's assessments — an unusual number — and the fact that merchants, artisans and businessmen were currently conducting a propaganda campaign against municipal rates, claiming they were too stiff.

The average increase in rates was 30% over last year and more just than ever before as the system employed hitherto of basing taxes on rent, was obsolete. It was true, the Mayor said, that some businesses had to pay three or four times more than last year, but it was also true that flats and shops in poor quarters of the city and in Jaffa were now paying less.

Some aspects of the business tax should be revised and a special committee would institute an inquiry into it, while eight public committees would examine every appeal against assessments, Mr. Levanon announced. Any changes introduced would only concern details, as on the whole the system was satisfactory.

The Mayor expressed the hope that doctors in the city's service would not strike. He explained that a Government committee had decided on an average salary increase of 40% a month to doctors, retroactive to April, 1951. The Municipality was prepared to pay only from January, 1952, he said.

In the current fiscal year the Municipality would request grants from the Government to the extent of 20% of the budget as experience had taught that higher demands remained unfulfilled, Mr. Levanon said.

A family with two children, both attending a Municipal school, living in an average two-room flat, had 12,500 a month to pay in rates this year, which was less than in Jaffa or Jerusalem, Mr. T. Orlovsky, Treasurer, said in reply to a question.

## CHILDREN PUT IN PROTEST MARCH

KPAP SABA, Sunday. — More than 100 children of Hama-yim marbors were taken from the marbora school by their parents and placed at the head of an unemployment demonstration this morning. The 150 demonstrators marched to the Local Council building and demanded work.

A proposal by Mr. S. Lerner, Local Council Chairman, that he would receive a delegation and discuss their problems if the children were returned to school was rejected by the demonstrators who proceeded to disturb the Council's workers.

Police dispersed the unruly crowd after detaining three persons.

## DISABLED VETS STAGE SIT-IN STRIKE

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A group of some 200 wounded ex-servicemen, with a high percentage of disability, staged a sit-in strike in the offices of the War Invalids' Rehabilitation Centre of the Ministry of Defence at Hakirya this morning. They were protesting against non-payment of their pensions on the first of each month. They left after a delegation had been received by Mr. I. Amir, Head of the Centre.

## Further Rise In Unemployment Figures

The average daily number of unemployed during the week ending May 8 was 16,450, an increase of 950 over the previous week's figure. In Jerusalem, there was only a partial registration of unemployed, since some of the unemployed refused to accept attestation work.

Included in the total figure are 2,350 women, 1,289 building workers, 900 factory workers, and 30,431 unskilled labourers.

The centres of unemployment were: Jerusalem 598, Haifa 2,651, Tel Aviv-Jaffa 1,565, Petah Tikva 1,113, Ramat Gan 3,097, Beersheva 941, Rehovot 583, Natanya 510, Haifa 483, Holon 442, Lydda 401, Nahariya 400, Be'er Brak 400, and Ramle 302.

## BRITISH BOAT SINKS

COPENHAGEN, Sunday (Reuters). — A British motor torpedo boat sank in harbour near here today after an explosion and fire on board. No one was killed. One other M.T.B. was damaged. The vessel belonged to a flotilla of eight fast patrol boats taking part in exercises with the Danish and Norwegian Navies off Denmark.

## Government Attacked On J'lem Water Issue

Jerusalem POST Reporter  
Unless the Government agreed to help the Jerusalem Water Department with a long-term loan to cover the steep monthly deficit in water rates in the Capital would again have to be increased, Mr. E. Eliahar (Sephardim) warned the Jerusalem Municipal Council last night. He suggested that part of the Unemployment Loan be used to finance the building of reservoirs and replacement of worn-out pipe-lines, thus relieving acute unemployment and taking a step towards lowering water-tariffs in Jerusalem.

Mr. Eliahar revealed that the Water Department was still paying back instalments on IL 200,000 owed the Government for an emergency pipe laid during the siege, and that various Ministries, together with the Jewish Agency, owed the Water Department almost IL 100,000. He accused the Government of denying Jerusalem (alone of all the municipalities) a budget for installing water meters and renewing pipes, and strongly criticized Tahal Water Planning — a Government instrument — for constructing a reservoir within the city boundaries and completely over-riding local authorities.

Citizens of the Capital were helpless against rising rates while outside bodies such as Mekorot governed the sources: the Jerusalem Water Department had to pay Mekorot 50 sheqel per cubic foot of water, exclusive of pumping cost having been the subject of a dispute with Mekorot during the war.

A prelude to Mr. Eliahar's anti-Government harangue, Municipal members turned from their usual party quarrels to hit at the Minister of the Interior for issuing parts of the Registry Commission Report on the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department.

The Municipality workers have postponed their scheduled strike following assurances by the Mayor that their April salaries would be paid this week.

## N.U. Administrator to Tour Foreign Universities

POST University Correspondent  
Problems of campus planning, students' housing, and the relations of universities with governments and other public bodies will be studied by Dr. D. W. Ben-Gurion, Executive Vice-President of the Hebrew University, who is leaving Israel on Thursday for an intensive six-month tour of universities in Europe and the U.S.

Dr. Ben-Gurion's findings will be considered in planning the new permanent buildings of the Hebrew University to be built within the next seven years in the administrative area of Jerusalem, between Rehavia and Bet Hakerem.

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